

Lillian Russell's Racing Comedy Wildfire

Made Into a Serial Story for The Evening World

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Founded on "Wildfire," a racing comedy by George Broadhurst and George V. Hobart, now running at the Liberty Theatre. (Copyright, 1908, by the Press Publishing Company, New York World.)

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.
Henrietta Barrington, a beautiful young widow, is privately operating her husband's racing stable, under the name of "John Duffy." Myrtle, her younger sister, is engaged to Ralph Woodhurst, whose father, Dr. Woodhurst, is an author of an anti-racetrack bill. Other guests at Mrs. Barrington's house are Sanders and Harrison, authors of "The Great Race," and Bert Almsworth, an Englishman and Janet Starnes, who is to marry Myrtle's best friend, John Duffy. Mrs. Barrington's husband, John Duffy, is a racing bookmaker, who has been in his power, Harrison is an evasive answer when he is asked to give up his racing. He thinks it is his duty to his wife and to his friends to keep the racing stable and to keep the money in the family. Mrs. Barrington cleverly tells him, "Wildfire" wins and Duffy wins vengeance. He agrees to let her have the racing stable.

CHAPTER IX.

A Queer Elopement.

DANGLING his monocle from the cord, Bert Almsworth said as he strolled into the room:

"I have been thinking it over. Mrs. Barrington—now, if my brother at home gets angry because I didn't succeed in buying Wildfire, I want you to tell him."

The ringing of the telephone bell interrupted him. "Oh! shall I answer it?" he questioned.

"It's some person named Duffy on the 'phone," he reported.

"Oh, Duffy," she faltered. "Tense, alert, she stood listening to Bert's reply, endeavoring to grasp the full purport of the conversation."

Bert, with many steps and exclamations, resumed his conversation with Duffy. All the widow could hear was: "Yes—are you there? (slight pause). What's that? How could you answer if you weren't there? You couldn't. That's the reason I asked if you were there (slight pause). Do I still want to buy Wildfire? Or could I (slight pause). You'll tell me the name of the owner? Thanks, awfully!"

"He's going to tell him," gasped the widow in the lull of Bert's talk, while Duffy told him the name of the owner. "Who?" asked Bert. He repeated the query, "Who?"

The information Bert received did not affect him seriously. He turned toward the widow, who was burning with impatience, and laughed drolly. However, he made no comment, but resumed his talk with Duffy said:

"Of course I don't believe it, and if there wasn't a lady here, I'd jolly well give you a piece of my mind—(slight pause) yes, a lady. A message for the doctor," was his next remark. "I can't say whether I'll deliver it or not. Oh, tommyrot!" he replied in disgust. "No, I do not want to kiss you good-by—and I won't deliver your message either." Bert hung up the receiver with a bang, crying:

"The impudence of the man; the impudence of the man! I beg your pardon, but he made me very angry—very!" he finished, recalling the presence of Mrs. Barrington.

"Just a moment, Mr. Almsworth," begged the widow, concealing her anxiety with a smiling face.

Bert stopped.

"Did he say who owns the horse?" she asked, all innocent.

"Yes, but it's—oh! it's preposterous!" chuckled Bert. "He said you owned Wildfire."

"The message Mr. Duffy had for the lady—is it worth repeating?"

"Well, this Duffy person said that he was just about to telephone to Dr. Woodhurst for the purpose of informing the doctor that you own a racing stable."

"Oh! Mr. Duffy is going to telephone Dr. Woodhurst that I own a racing stable," replied the thoroughly startled widow.

"Yes, yes, Duffy also said that you would be able to appreciate the information at its full value."

Mrs. Barrington, to hide her nervousness, snapped her fingers. "So far as I am concerned, I am not at all concerned, I am not at all concerned, I am not at all concerned."

"I hope that you won't think it worth while to relate the incident to Myrtle and Ralph."

"Certainly not, if you wish it," acquiesced Bert.

"I want to tell them about the joke myself," she explained.

"Wait till I see Duffy! I'll show him he can't kiss me good-by!" was Bert's belligerent speech as he left the room.

Mrs. Barrington, alone for a moment, planned her campaign quickly. Myrtle and Ralph must get married at once. After a ceremony it would be easier to treat with the doctor. His opposition, if he learned that she owned a racing stable, might prevent their marriage. At least it would create a lot of gossip among the neighbors—a situation she wished to avoid. Once her mind made up she acted quickly. First she borrowed the use of Sanders's automobile, saying she wished to send Bud on an errand that required speed. Calling Ralph and Myrtle into the room, she said to the young man:

"You love Myrtle?"

"Certainly," Ralph replied with assurance.

The same question was put to Myrtle. "You love Ralph?"

"Why, of course, I do!" was her enthusiastic reply, taking Ralph's hand in hers.

"Then listen to me. You must be married—immediately," announced Mrs. Barrington.

"What?" they both cried, starting back in surprise.

"Yes, right now!" was her emphatic response.

"But Henrietta!" interposed Ralph. "I don't understand!" began Myrtle.

Mrs. Barrington nervously attempted an explanation. "Now, don't get excited. You see I'm not—I'm just as cool and calm as I possibly can be! Besides, you were to be married yesterday—to-day—I mean to-morrow—anyway, weren't you?" she said.

"Yes, But—" Myrtle wanted to know the reason for all this haste. She felt that as the bride she ought to be consulted.

"Get your things," commanded Mrs. Barrington. "And you have a license?" she asked Ralph.

"Got it this afternoon," Ralph answered.

While she helped Myrtle put on her hat and adjust her veil, Mrs. Barrington gave the young couple their instructions.

"Then don't ask any questions, because I can't answer them just now," she said. "The situation is simply this: If you don't get married right away I'm afraid you won't get married at all. Now you get in Mr. Sanders's automobile and have the chauffeur take you direct to the Rev. Mr. Lindsay. You know, down the Shell Road—and ask him to marry you at once."

"What in the world is the matter?" demanded Ralph.

"I expected to wear my wedding dress"—there were tears of disappointment in Myrtle's voice.

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